

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for the clarity and conciseness of the Office Action and for the citation of the references which have been studied with interest and care.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102 [103]

Claims 1, 3, 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) [sic] as being anticipated by SMEULDERS et al. (Tracking Nonparameterized Object Contours in Video) in view of SELSIS et al. (Automatic Tracking and 3D Localization of Moving Objects by Active Contour Models).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of canceled claim 2. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Objections to Claims

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9-10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The limitations of canceled claim 2 have been incorporated into its base claim 1. Claims 4, 5, 7 and 9-10 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (original claim 1). Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 11-30 are allowed.

New Claims

New claims 31-33 recite the language of original claims 3, 6 and 8, respectively, and are dependent upon allowable claim 4. New claims 34-36 recite the language of original claims 3, 6 and 8, respectively, and are dependent upon allowable claim 5. New claims 37-39 recite the language of original claims 3, 6 and 8, respectively, and are dependent upon allowable claim 7. New claims 40-42 recite the language of original claims 3, 6 and 8, respectively, and are dependent upon allowable claim 9. New claims 43-45 recite the language of original claims 3, 6 and 8, respectively, and are dependent upon allowable claim 10.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Concurrence by the Examiner and early passage of the application to issue are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees which are required in connection with this communication and which are not specifically provided for herewith are authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 500651. Any overpayments are also authorized to be credited to this account.

Respectfully submitted,



June 30, 2005

Peter L. Holmes
Reg. No. 37,353
Attorney for Applicants

HENRICKS, SLAVIN & HOLMES LLP
840 Apollo Street, Suite 200
El Segundo, California 90245-4737
Telephone: (310) 563-1454
Facsimile: (310) 563-1460